

## Lodge Leadership Development Conference 2001

By William Hayes, Lodge Secretary

Lodge Leadership Development Conference 2001 was a fun and learning experience for everyone that attended. At the conference members had many classes to choose from. Each class was divided up into a youth or an adult class. Classes were taught all day long, and at different times so that members had a chance to attend each and every class. After lunch, all of the lodge committees meet and prepared their plans for the year. When the meetings were over the participants met as a whole and listened as each committee presented their report. Once the reports were finished everyone went back to their classes. After the classes were finished, all lodge, tribe, chapter officers, and their advisors met for an LEC meeting. At the meeting the main topic was the Spring Fellowship. After the meeting everyone was dismissed. We all look forward to seeing you at the next Lodge Leadership Development Conference.

## Spring Fellowship 2001 at Comer

By Red Feather Herald Staff

The Coosa Lodge 2001 Spring Fellowship will be held March 16 - 18 at Camp Comer. This should be a great weekend to kick off the new lodge year. The fellowship committee has been working hard to plan new and exciting events to spark your interest, so plan now to join in the fun!

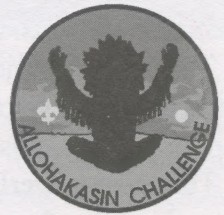
Conclave preparation will be among the many activities planned for this weekend, and there will be a few surprises thrown in. A limited edition fellowship patch will be available, and our new lodge flaps may also be in the trading post by then. The 2001 Founder's Awards will also be presented at the Saturday evening show.

You'll find a Spring Fellowship registration form enclosed in this newsletter - fill it out NOW and send it in so you don't miss any of the action!

## Allohakasin Challenge

By Mr. Doug Irish, Course Director

This year's ALLOHAKASIN CHALLENGE 2001 will be held at Camp Sequoyah during the week July 1 - 7, 2001. The purpose of the Challenge is to teach junior leaders a variety of useful tools to run and manage patrols, crews, and troop programs. If you are 13 or older, 1st class or above, you are eligible to attend. Check with your Scoutmaster for a recommendation. The cost will be \$135.00. Reservations should be no later than May 31st. The course is limited to 40 boys. Sign up for the Challenge; the ultimate weeklong leadership training experience. Don't miss your opportunity, make plans today!



## Conclave 2001 Makes History!

By Red Feather Herald Staff

The upcoming 2001 SR-8B conclave will be the last conclave that Coosa Lodge 50 will attend with the rest of the lodges in Alabama. Beginning in 2002, Coosa will become a member of the new section SR-6N, joining lodges from Chattanooga and north Georgia. This is your chance to attend the 50th anniversary conclave for the lodges in Alabama, which will be the last Alabama conclave! Coosa wants to show its strength and have the biggest contingent there, so make plans now to attend. It will be held April 20 - 22, at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. A registration form is enclosed, or you may register at the Spring Fellowship. Transportation will be arranged for anyone needing it - please indicate this on your registration form.

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## History Corner - Eastern Native America

By Tim Burns, Lodge Newspaper Editor

Many of you are wondering the history of the Coosa and maybe even the Creek Indians that inhabited this area of the Eastern US. Well, here is a short Mini series on the history of this culture.

### I. From the beginning of time through the early Epochs:

The Coosa, of the Muskogean Language Group of Southeastern Amer-indians, were one of the more powerful, and magnificent mound kingdoms and empires of the historical Late Mississippian epoch, who inhabited the greater parts of present day north-central Alabama and north-western Georgia from the time beginning with their migration across the early land bridges from Asia to the North American continent.

The strongest and most highly structured period began well before the birth of Christ to the beginning of the time of the Spanish exploration of North America with DeSoto in 1540. According to Spanish chroniclers, the Coosa were one of the most powerful and numerous kingdoms they met in their travels.

The most powerful chieftains were the "Coosas," the territory whose subjects included large and small native towns in parts of north Georgia, north and as far south as central Alabama. The largest concentration and greatest governing seat was the city/town of Coosa, which according to Spanish Chronologists, contemporary historians and archeologists, could have been in an area in the eastern part of north Georgia (Carters), near the junction of Talking Creek Rock and the Cossawattee River at a archeological dig known as "Little Egypt", or at the intersection of the Coosa River at the "Terrapin Creek" site near Gadsden, or, located on the Talladega Creek at the intersection of the Coosa River slightly above where the Highway 280 bridge crosses into Childersburg, Alabama.

The Coosa Empire may well have included an area of several hundred miles in circumference who chieftains and kings may have ruled thousands in large and small, palisades, and open cities consisting of large mounds, well built housing and public structures, all connected by well worn paths and roads.

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## Order of the Arrow Membership

By Anand Iyer, Membership Committee Chairman

Membership is the key importance of a lodge, from which we get our men and our "manpower". The leaders of our lodge today come from countless elections and ceremonies. We are our lodge, and to make it stronger and larger we need everyone's help. We should set the example and be role models for our fellow scouts, our future leaders, in our troops.

For Quality Lodge, we need: 1) A positive growth - How can this happen? Well, encouraging scouts to make it to campouts and summer camp, as well as helping and guiding them through their ranks, can help. Doing these things can help us grow. Yet, what about - 2) 30% Brotherhood conversion - Now this is a biggy. If we elect many new members, plus the previous ordeal members, 30% will be a lot. So, we should motivate all ordeal members to go out for brotherhood when they are eligible. Some may not even know, and telling them about their chances will help greatly. Oh yeah, if your not on an election team, you might want to consider this. Just talk to your Chapter Chiefs.

With all of this said, I hope to have a great year. With all of your help and cooperation, we can become that Quality Lodge.



### Last Call for Conclave, Knife Order Pickup

If you have not picked up your conclave 2000 memorabilia order, or your Charter Member Knife order by Spring Fellowship, these items will be released to the Trading Post Saturday evening for sale to the general membership. If you are not sure, check with Mike Thigpen at the Fellowship.



### Last Call for 2001 Dues!

If you have not paid your dues for 2001, you need to mail in \$7.50 with your name, address, phone, email, chapter/district, and honor to Gene Wright, P.O. Box 43307, Birmingham, AL 35243 Members who took their ordeal during 2000 are already paid for 2001.



## Editorial

By Tim Burns, Lodge Newspaper Editor

I am pleased to see that the Red Feather Herald has really been looking sharp these past few issues. However it does look a bit thin, I am proposing to each and every chapter and tribe within Coosa 50 that unique events and occurrences within the tribes and chapters be sent to myself, Dr. Flatt, or Chad Skelton, so that we may put it in the Newsletter. This way everyone can see what everyone is doing. I would like to say thanks to everyone who has been contributing to the Red Feather Herald, and would encourage everyone to contribute to this newsletter.



### From The Lodge Chief

By Massey Griffin, Lodge Chief

Greetings,

I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season. We have a great year planned for you, and I look forward to working with all of you! To start out the year, we have the Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC). With newly elected officers, they definitely need training for the year. The LLDC is designed for officers and future officers to learn the basics of leadership in the Order of the Arrow. In the month of March, we have planned an awesome Spring Fellowship at Camp Comer. It will be a terrific time for food, fun, fellowship, and, of course, patch trading. Also, for all of you that are eligible, this will be a wonderful time to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow with your brotherhood.

One last thing, conclave is just a stone's throw away. So if you haven't registered, get to it! We need to have a good showing at the last SR-8B conclave. If you haven't ever been to a conclave, look forward to having a blast. It will be a history-making event!

In conclusion, I think that this year will be great! I hope to see all of you at the events ahead!

## Adviser's Viewpoint

By James Flatt, MD, Lodge Advisor

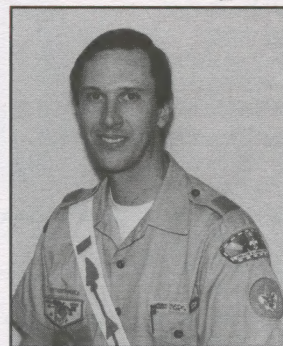
We have just closed an extremely successful first year as a new lodge, and the start of our second year is showing great promise! With Chief Massey Griffin at the helm, this lodge will set high goals for 2001 - these goals will require input and participation from each of us, so be prepared to step up when the opportunity arises!

With a solid lodge structure in place, we will now focus on strengthening the chapters - the grass roots of our organization. Each chapter will have specific goals to accomplish - the most important of which will be improving the relationship between chapter and unit, as service to our unit continues to be a primary responsibility.

Camp Promotions, Unit Elections, and Spring Camporees are just around the corner, and I want to encourage each member to participate in these important functions. At your Spring Camporee, meet with other OA members and offer your service to the district and units - make your presence known by the service you provide and the Scouting example you set!

I hope to see all of you at our upcoming lodge functions, in particular the upcoming ordeals. If you've never had a chance to attend an OA section conclave, this upcoming conclave is one you won't want to miss, as this will be our last conclave with the rest of Alabama. Send the registration form in as soon as possible to reserve your spot - transportation will be arranged if needed, just let us know on the form.

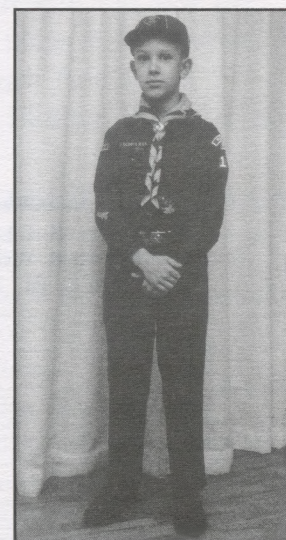
While you're at it, make plans now to attend the Spring Fellowship at Camp Comer - this should be a great fellowship kickoff to our new year! I hear they're planning a patch display and auction Saturday night - don't miss out!



## Blast from the Past

Can you recognize  
this  
Cub Scout?

Come to the  
Spring Fellowship  
to find out!





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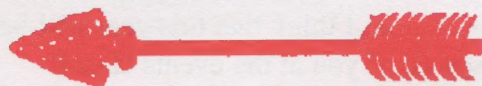
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## Coosa Lodge 50 2001 Calendar

January 27	Lodge Leadership Development Conference	Ashbury UMC Madison, AL
March 16-18	Spring Fellowship	Comer
April 20-22	Conclave	Spanish Trail Scout Reservation DeFuniak Springs, FL Yustaga 385 Host
June 1-3	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Comer
July 21	Workday / Brotherhood	Westmoreland
August 17-19	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Sequoyah
September 7-9	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Jackson
October 5-7	Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow	Winnataska

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**SR-8B Conclave 2001**  
**Coosa Lodge 50 Contingent Registration Form**

Your Coosa Lodge will be attending the Section Conclave at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation on **April 20 – 22**, and we plan to have the largest contingent there! This is your chance to attend this once-a-year event, when all 6 OA lodges from Alabama and the Florida panhandle meet for fellowship, competition, and fun!

The Section Council of Chiefs has set the fee for the conclave at \$20, which covers the weekend events, meals, and a participation patch. Our Lodge will plan to arrange transportation for any participant wishing to travel with the contingent. There may be an additional fee for transportation costs, which will be determined once we know how many to plan transportation for.

Yustaga Lodge 385 will host this conclave at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation, which is near DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

Our contingent quota is usually limited, so you'll want to reserve your place with our contingent as soon as possible. As usual, there is a 2:1 Youth to Adult participant ratio, so *all adults who wish to attend must account for 2 youth members as participants.*

**Please complete the registration form below and mail it to the address below by March 16, or register at the March 17<sup>th</sup> Spring Fellowship.** The conclave begins at 5 PM Friday, April 20 and ends by 10 AM Sunday, April 22 – further instructions regarding lodging, transportation, etc. will be provided as we receive it. Don't miss out!

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*please print legibly or type*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe / Chapter : \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail with conclave fee of \$20 (payable to BSA)  
by March 16 to:**

OA Account # 1-2371-698-00

**Gene Wright  
Greater Alabama Council, BSA  
P.O. Box 43307  
Birmingham, AL 35243**

<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if you need transportation, or want more info on transportation to the Conclave.
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**Conclave Memorabilia:**

There will be extra conclave patches, neckerchiefs, mugs, hat pins, and T-shirts available for sale at the conclave. Please request the number of each item you would like below – you do not need to pay for these until the conclave.

Patches \_\_\_\_\_ Neckerchief \_\_\_\_\_ Mugs \_\_\_\_\_ Hat Pins \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirts Men's M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_



**Coosa Lodge 50**  
**Spring Fellowship 2001 Registration Form**

The second **Coosa Lodge 50 Spring Fellowship** will be held **March 16 - 18, 2001** at **Camp Comer**. The cost for the event will be \$15, and will cover Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday breakfast, as well as 2 cracker-barrels and a participant patch. The event will begin Friday evening, and conclude Sunday morning – the adirondacks will be available, but please plan to bring your own tenting just in case – we expect a great turnout!

**There will be a Brotherhood Class and Ceremony at this event**, so if you have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months, we encourage you to seal your membership by attaining the Brotherhood Honor. Please indicate if you would like to participate below – there will be an additional \$12 charge for the Brotherhood sash.

Please mail the registration form below by March 10, 2001, and indicate if you will be participating in the Brotherhood – We'll see you there!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe / Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail with check for \$15, or \$27 if taking the Brotherhood** (payable to Boy Scouts of America)  
**by March 10 to:**

**Gene Wright**  
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\_\_\_\_ I will be participating in the Brotherhood Class and Ceremony.